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REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Workshop to Receive Comments Regarding Draft Water Quality Enforcement Policy

Tuesday February 19, 2008

1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Joe Serna, Jr. / Cal-EPA Building

Coastal Hearing Room

1001 I Street, 2nd floor
Sacramento, California

This Notice was revised to reflect the date change from February 20, 2008 to February 19, 2008. Also, the room location has been changed as noted.

SUBJECT OF WORKSHOP

The purpose of the workshop is to receive comments from water quality stakeholders concerning revisions to the Water Quality Enforcement Policy

BACKGROUND

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Board) (together “Water Boards”) are the state agencies with primary responsibility for the coordination and control of water quality. In the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Porter-Cologne), the Legislature declared that the “state must be prepared to exercise its full power and jurisdiction to protect the quality of the waters in the state from degradation....” (California Water Code section 13000). Porter-Cologne grants the Water Boards the authority to implement and enforce the water quality laws, regulations, policies and plans to protect the groundwater and surface waters of the State. Timely and consistent enforcement of these laws is critical to the success of the water quality program and to ensure that the people of the State have clean water. It is the policy of the State Water Board that the Water Boards will strive to be fair, firm and consistent in taking enforcement actions throughout the State, while considering the unique facts of each case.

The State Water Board has an Enforcement Policy for its Water Quality Program that has not been updated since February 22, 2002. On June 28, 2007, the State Water Board held a workshop to gather input from stakeholders prior to revising the policy. The State Water Board is now proposing revisions to the Enforcement Policy and asking stakeholders to submit comments and participate in a discussion of the revisions at the Board Workshop on February 19, 2008. The Board will not take any action on the Enforcement Policy at the workshop but will consider comments and feedback from stakeholders regarding the proposed changes.

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The workshop will be informal. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants, but the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions.

Participants should submit written comments prior to the workshop. At the workshop, participants will be given an opportunity to summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations. To ensure a productive and efficient workshop, and to ensure that all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be given time limits. Participants with similar comments are requested to make joint presentations.

Participants are requested to provide written comments **by 12 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2008**. When submitting preliminary comments, the State Water Board requests that an original and ten hard copies, plus one electronic copy be sent to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Written comments and electronic presentations are to be submitted to the Clerk to the Board via email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. Please indicate in the subject line: "**Water Quality Enforcement Workshop - 2/19/08**."

Hand and special deliveries should also be addressed to the Clerk to the Board at the address above.

Couriers delivering comments must check in with lobby security and have them contact Jeanine Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

INFORMATION REGARDING WORKSHOP

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Reed Sato, Director of the Office of Enforcement, at (916) 341-5889, or Ann Marie Crum, Enforcement Coordinator, at (916) 327-8195.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

There is a parking garage across from the building with entrances on 10th and 11th Streets between "I" and "J" Streets, and metered parking spaces are in the vicinity of the building. For a map, see our Web site at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>.

Due to enhanced security precautions at the Joe Serna, Jr. (Cal/EPA) Building, all visitors are required to sign in prior to entering the building. Visitors can sign in and obtain badges in the Visitor and Environmental Services Center, which is just inside and to the left of the building's public entrance. Visitors may be asked to show valid picture identification. Valid identification can take the form of a current driver's license, military identification card, or state and federal identification cards. Depending on the size and number of meetings scheduled on any given

day, the security check-in could take from three to fifteen minutes. Please allow adequate time to sign in before being directed to your meeting.

The Joe Serna, Jr. (Cal/EPA) Sierra Hearing Room is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Ann Marie Crum at (916) 327-8195, at least five working days prior to the public meeting date. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using the California Relay Service Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD). TDD is reachable only from phones equipped with a TDD Device. HEARING IMPAIRED RELAY SERVICE: TDD to voice 1 800-735-2929; voice to TDD 1-800-735-2922.

January 25, 2008
Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board